

1 issues.

2 But number six, "Mr. Sangster stated during the
3 discussion to address his concerns, that he observed three
4 feet or 36 inches sagging of the pipeline during the last
5 winter storm, February '98."

6 Now, it continued:

7 "36-inch sagging (deflection) is beyond
8 the elastic range of the structural
9 steel used for this pipeline. 36-inch
10 deflection equates to about 72 feet of
11 unsupported span which is in the plastic
12 zone. This is well above the
13 recommended free span of 30 feet.

14 If the 36-inch sagging had occurred, the
15 steel should be beyond its elastic
16 range, i.e., in the plastic range (a
17 failed state). However, Venoco
18 hydrotested the line on August 11, 1998
19 (after the February 1998 Storms) at 380
20 psi and found it acceptable for use.
21 Venoco conducts hydrotesting of this
22 line annually and the next scheduled
23 hydrotesting is in August 1999."

24 The point is that they basically denied what was
25 in the picture. If you read the new EIR, the draft EIR,

T-7 1 they finally admit that it did settle like three feet back
2 in that storm. They say that it occurred from '96 to '98,
3 but my pictures show that it occurred pretty much in
4 February of '98.

5 So I'm concerned about the stresses related to the
6 sagging and the free span. And in 2003, and listed in
7 there, they did a stress analysis of I think it says the
8 entire line. I have the report. They stopped the stress
9 analysis at the bluff. They did not do any stress analysis
10 for the section in the sand, or the intertidal zone, or
11 beyond. They did pretty much up to the edge of the bluff.

12 The only reason that I could get from them is that
13 they didn't have the money to do the rest of the analysis
14 and, possibly, they don't have any data. They were looking
15 for some of the drawings for that piece of pipeline back in
16 '98, and when the county asked them to do a visual test,
17 they determined that, well, since we're doing a visual test,
18 we won't have to find the drawings.

19 But they then substituted, instead of a visual
20 test, substituted the gull test, which in 2002 and 2003
21 still did not even cover that section of pipeline.

22 So we have essentially a blind spot that's been
23 damaged, there's pictures, there's been letters from the
24 county, representing that there is damage. You know, it has
25 not been visually inspected and can't be inspected from

1 internally because of the bends, that's what we've been
2 told.

3 So the main concerns are the free span, the
4 settling, the stresses associated with those and, you know,
5 the lack of a stress analysis. There's also the cathodic
6 protection, which they continually say that one measurement
7 at the end of the line proves that the whole line's
8 protected. That would be true if they have a active
9 cathodic protection system.

10 If there are any passive anodes along the line,
11 which you might see in the drawings, which we haven't seen,
12 or if they've been maintained on the anodes that would be
13 another source of a voltage. And if there are anodes along
14 the line it would partially explain why some of the voltages
15 actually start going up as we get farther away from the
16 station.

17 Now, the cathodic protection is spotty, at best,
18 and there might be periods of time in the past when it
19 hadn't been protected so, you know, it might be okay now.

20 The other concern was the hydro testing. One
21 hydro test, that I saw, there was actually a slight pressure
22 drop. Nobody could tell me -- it was a short test, like an
23 hour test, or hour-fifteen minute test. They measured the
24 pressure and the circle didn't go all the way around, so you
25 couldn't actually visibly see the drop in pressure, but it

1 was very small, maybe 10 or 20 psi, but for the large
2 volume, for the large piece of time -- for the short period
3 of time it could be a relatively small leak. Where could
4 that leak be, nobody knows.

5 But, you know, the sixth concern or the sixth red
6 flag occurred after I had sent letters to the operator, with
7 my first five concerns. A fluke on the internet was
8 discovered by me. They looked at it, operator said seaweed.
9 The county said, well, if it was a leak, it would be visible
10 all the time.

11 Well, they operate -- the pipeline is only under
12 pressure once every two weeks, and it's a relatively low
13 pressure. Understand, a small leak could form a lens of oil
14 under the sand that could essentially burp up, exactly as
15 you might expect in the photo on the internet, where you
16 could actually see a point source and a plume, fully
17 contained in the picture.

18 There's a second picture taken by the helicopter,
19 like 15 seconds later, that shows the same plume that's
20 moved, and you can also triangulate the location of the
21 point source where it's coming out of the sand.

22 These pictures are very -- you can see plovers on
23 the beach, if you look at them carefully. You can get the
24 large, full-sized pictures and you can see birds on the
25 beach. This plume might be eight-, ten-feet in diameter

1 and, you know, the source, it's probably covering like 10-,
2 15-feet of length.

3 Anyway, my concerns and red flags will be all in
4 my letter. All my concerns relate to that section of
5 pipeline in the intertidal zone, in the sand, and in the
6 surf, and I would strongly expect it to be inspected
7 visually and repaired, and/or replaced, whatever it takes,
8 you know, not before the next storm or not before the next
9 time it's exposed, but before this lease is renewed. You
10 know, just to settle this issue that has been going on since
11 '98.

12 You know, it appears that the county -- I was told
13 by the county last year that, you know, the county couldn't
14 do anything about my concerns at that time, but the best and
15 the only opportunity you have is essentially the oncoming
16 EIR for the lease renewal. So, you know, that's basically
17 why I'm here today. You know, the county neither would do
18 anything beyond what they'd done, although now they do admit
19 the line did settle, even though in '99 they said it
20 couldn't have settled because it was broken, and the same
21 thing with the free span. You know, it's still
22 indeterminate what the actual free span was.

23 Even in the report they mentioned, in 1988 or
24 1999, they did some sonic measurements of the pipeline in
25 the sand. They actually measured not the hundred-foot

1 section, but they measured roughly 20 feet of the section
2 that was first exposed in '98. It was actually buried in
3 the sand in '98 and exposed in '98, and it was so far above
4 the sand level that it was essentially suspended, there was
5 like three feet of air space between it. And, you know,
6 that section still retains some of its original wrap.

7 The section beyond the first 20 or 30 feet had
8 lost all of its wrap because it had been exposed back in '96
9 and further damaged in '98.

10 By the time the State Fire Marshall got down to
11 the beach, everything except that last 20 or 25 feet had
12 been reburied by the sand. The sand comes in quickly. It
13 disappears quickly and it comes back quickly. So, I mean,
14 there's a time factor. I mean, you can't wait for the storm
15 and then wait for the low tides, and then wait for
16 equipment, and permits, and stuff, you have to do something
17 now, you know, before this lease is renewed, if you want to
18 put our minds at rest, you know, that there's not an actual
19 hazard out there.

20 It's not a potential hazard, this is a -- there's
21 red flags. You know, give me one good answer on any of
22 these concerns. You know, the operator asked at the SSRC
23 meeting for my concerns in writing. They took them, they
24 were happy with that situation. Then they wanted to make
25 sure that they answered them all at the same time.

1 I've never received a letter from them, ever,
2 concerning my concerns that I wrote back in 2001. And the
3 picture in the internet came out in December 2001. It was
4 taken in September, I saw it in November of 2001.

5 Anyway, it will all be in my letter. Thank you.

6 MR. GILLIES: Good, thank you.

7 MR. STRAIT: Thank you. Look forward to seeing
8 your letter.

9 The last speaker slip I have is for a Carla -- the
10 second to the last speaker slip, then, is for a Carla Frisk,
11 from GOO, which I'm assuming stands for "Get Oil Out."

12 MS. FRISK: My name is Carla Frisk and I'm
13 representing Get Oil Out Today, an organization that was
14 formed after the 1969 oil spill, and it still working,
15 monitoring oil development and related activities in Santa
16 Barbara County.

17 So GOO wants to join the League, and others that
18 have spoken today, in welcoming the State Lands Commission
19 staff to our town, and we thank you very much for coming
20 here, to Goleta, to allow members of the public to comment
21 on the Draft EIR for the Ellwood Terminal lease extension.

22 We are fairly pleased to finally have this long-
23 awaited document before us to review. As I'm sure you're
24 aware, it would have been really great, and it was not
25 Venoco that owned this project at the time, had we

1 had -- we'd been going through this process in 1993, which
2 we didn't, and now it would have been even better if we had
3 been going through this process in 2003, and now we're
4 already at 2006.

5 So while we're still reviewing the document, one
6 thing is certainly clear, a lot has changed since that 1983
7 lease was approved or even since 1993. Even though this, I
8 guess technically, is a renewal for ten years, we know that
9 we're already well into that period.

10 So it's unfortunate that we did not have the
11 valuable information contained in the Draft EIR at that
12 time, or even earlier.

13 Given all the mitigation measures that must be
14 added in order to make the approval of the lease extension
15 possible, we are probably lucky that we have had no spills
16 in the last 15 years.

17 And I think that addresses, certainly piggy-backs
18 on some of the same concerns that the gentleman has been
19 talking about the pipeline.

20 Before I make some of the specific comments on the
21 Draft EIR and raise some questions that we believe need to
22 be answered, still, in the final, GOO wants to reiterate its
23 overall concern about the fact that we are dealing with
24 nonconforming uses and very aging facilities here, some of
25 which were constructed in 1929, originally.

1 The main policy question raised by these two
2 points, how long should these legal, nonconforming uses be
3 allowed to continue is something that we're going to have to
4 grapple with at the decision-making time. But it seems that
5 the risk of environmental damage goes up the older these
6 facilities get.

7 Nowhere else in the State does there exist a
8 similar operation. In other words, the entire marine --
9 Ellwood Marine Terminal operation is, in terms of what would
10 be even considered approval in today's world, a dinosaur.

11 So onto the Draft EIR. We have several specific
12 questions and comments, as follows, and we will also be
13 submitting written testimony. It's a pretty big, fat
14 document, still looking through it, trying to get through
15 some of the more technical information.

16 But there's three very specific areas that we
17 would like to comment on, now, we think that are very
18 significant.

19 In the document, in several locations, but
20 specifically on page 2-11, it indicates that the number of
21 terminal barge calls will gradually increase until the
22 expiration of the lease in 2003, up to 88 barge calls per
23 year.

24 I guess when the Notice of Preparation came out,
25 we read that and at that time submitted testimony that we

1 believed that there should be a cap, because the current
2 4,000 barrels was what we thought that this project was
3 specifically going to address, that it was going to address
4 the current situation.

5 Now, in the EIR, it indicates that there was the
6 redrill proposal in 2001, that was approved, and it might
7 bring up to an additional 2,000 barrels of oil per day, but
8 there was no mention, that I could find in the EIR, about
9 where the other 7,000 barrels might be coming from.

10 And so more information is really needed. It
11 vaguely mentions that there might be other redrill projects,
12 but it's very vague and there's just a total lack of
13 information on that, at this time.

14 So I think we need to know where those 7,000
15 barrels are coming from, whether they're related to full-
16 field development, what are they related to. Because,
17 again, I think our original concept of this project was that
18 it was to allow the current existing situation only to
19 continue until 2013, and that there would actually, really
20 be no increase unless it went, you know, beyond the 2001
21 redrill at this time.

22 So that's a very large concern to us and we'd like
23 some clarification in that area.

24 The second area of major concern is alternatives.
25 As far as we can tell and, again, in your presentation you

1 indicated that the only real alternative is the no project
2 alternative. And that listed under the no project
3 alternative are two possibilities, and it was discussed
4 earlier, the truck transportation and pipeline
5 transportation.

6 So the no project alternative actually assumes
7 that if the lease is not extended, that it doesn't assume
8 abandonment, it assumes some other form of transportation.

9 It is our understanding, as it was referred to
10 earlier, by one of the speakers, that the county's oil
11 transportation policies, that have been enacted since 1985,
12 These are not new policies, this is not any news to anybody,
13 but the county prefers pipeline transportation and since
14 that time certain amendments have been made moving even more
15 in that direction.

16 That in any case, it's our understanding that
17 trucking from the Ellwood Onshore Facility to Carpinteria,
18 other than for emergency, simply would not be allowed under
19 county ordinance. And if that, in fact, is true and we've
20 asked for clarification on this, this alternative should be
21 eliminated from the document. We shouldn't waste any
22 further time on it, if it's not -- can't be done.

23 So that leaves us with the no project alternative,
24 with abandonment, immediate abandonment, and the no project
25 alternative with pipeline transportation.

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1 And we want to note that the pipeline
2 transportation should also be considered as a completely
3 independent alternative. There's no reason that this
4 alternative cannot exist on its own, as evidenced by the
5 fact that Venoco has a currently application, now, in the
6 environmental review process, for exactly this pipeline.

T-10 7 Establishing the pipeline alternative, as a
8 separate alternative, is important because it would allow
9 that to be possibly chosen as the environmentally superior
10 alternative. And we think that has a lot of merit, we think
11 it should be able to float to the top and see if, in fact,
12 that's the way to go.

13 The way I understand it, reading the EIR, though,
14 as long as it remains under the no project alternative, as a
15 subset to that, it may not necessarily be chosen as the
16 environmentally superior alternative.

17 Another item on inspections, and this was even
18 reinforced for us, listening to the testimony of an earlier
19 speaker, is that in reviewing the document there's a lot of
20 discussions in the mitigation measures and in the document
21 about a variety of inspections. Inspections for tank,
22 inside inspections, outside inspections, pipelines,
23 inside/outside, onshore/offshore, et cetera. And unless I
24 just haven't found it yet, I think what would be really
25 helpful is if we could have, somewhere in the document, a

1 chart that shows those three components or more, if there
2 are, that have to be inspected, when they have to be
3 inspected, by whom they have to be inspected, what the
4 current situation is, and what the additional mitigation
5 measures, that are being proposed in the EIR would add onto
6 that.

7 My assumption was, in reading the mitigation
8 measures, that they were mitigation measures because they
9 currently weren't being done, but that may not be a correct
10 assumption.

11 So I think we need to get really clear on what are
12 the current requirements, what are the proposed requirements
13 through mitigation measures, and are those adequate. And I
14 noticed, in some cases, they said every ten years. Well, we
15 don't have ten more years until 2013. And depending on when
16 this gets actually renewed and approved, we may not even
17 have that five years.

18 So again, depending on when those have to be done.
19 So I think that would be very helpful to have a chart for us
20 more lay people to look at and say, okay, this looks like
21 it's really well covered or it's not really well covered.

22 We're going to continue to go through the document
23 and try to see if there are any other items, but just the
24 two that popped out of us, initially, we're on page 2-31, is
25 inaccurate with regards to the status of the full-field

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1 development application. It indicates that that application
2 was done incomplete but it is currently, actually, now in
T-12 3 the environmental review process.

4 I think it would be good to have that corrected
5 and it might be interesting to look at how far these two
6 processes are apart.

7 Page 215 does not indicate that Tank 8264 has been
8 returned to full service, but I've been told by someone at
T-13 9 the county staff level that that, in fact, is true. I think
10 it would be good to have that information included.

11 So again, we will be looking to see if there are
12 any other of these smaller items, but we really hope to see
13 some changes in the EIR with regards to those three larger
14 items.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. STRAIT: Thank you, Mrs. Frisk. Before you
17 sit down, I do have one question about your speaker slip.
18 You've both circled and put a line through the "yes," for
19 the mailing list.

20 MS. FRISK: It's a circle.

21 MR. STRAIT: Okay, you want yes? Well, it is
22 circled, it's got both. All right, so you want to be on the
23 mailing list?

24 MS. FRISK: I want two copies. No, I'm just
25 kidding, one copy's fine.

1 MR. STRAIT: We've got boxes of them.

2 MS. FRISK: I think I want to get on the list.

3 MR. STRAIT: And the new last speaker slip that I
4 have is for a Lee Moldaver, with the Citizen's Planning
5 Association of Santa Barbara County and The Coastal Resource
6 Center.

7 MR. MOLDAVER: Good afternoon, I am Lee Moldaver,
8 representing the Citizen's Planning Association of Santa
9 Barbara County and The Central Coast Coastal Resources
10 Center.

11 I also want to thank the staff of the State Lands
12 Commission for joining us here and bringing excellent
13 weather with you. Hopefully, you'll leave it behind when
14 you must depart.

15 I want to indicate, for the record, that I've
16 actually received the draft and it has many utilitarian
17 functions besides imparting information so, you know, you
18 might be able to recycle used copies for other purposes.

19 But I do believe, having worked in this area for
20 many years, that under CEQA it does meet the standard of a
21 good-faith effort to do an accurate and complete assessment
22 of potential adverse impacts from the project.

23 So I wanted to thank you and your whole consultant
24 team for doing that.

25 I'd like to say, in a preferatory comment, before

1 I indicate that I, personally, agree with all of Mrs.
2 Frisk's comments and would like to have that in the record,
3 that she's been one of my personal heroes for many years.
4 And some of you may be aware that she represented this area,
5 for a number of years, on the staff of the State Coastal
6 Commission and, thereafter, she was the Senior Local Field
7 Representative for first Assemblyman and then Senator Jack
8 O'Connell. And her knowledge, therefore, which she brings
9 to Get Oil Out Today, about environmental planning and CEQA
10 issues for energy, on and offshore, and in the Channel and
11 its resources, are way beyond the average lay person who
12 usually would share their testimony with you.

13 The Citizens Planning Association is a locally
14 based, 46-year young, nonprofit. It's centered exclusively
15 in Santa Barbara County and works on land use and resource
16 management issues.

17 And our association, under the leadership of
18 former presidents Bob Klausner and Mary Looker, in the early
19 and mid-1980's, and under Executive Director Michael Feeney,
20 and Senior Intern Jackie Campbell were very, very active in
21 working with the State Lands Commission, and with Santa
22 Barbara County, and with three federal agencies to set up
23 the standards that we're now reviewing.

24 The Citizens Planning Association is also a member
25 of the Santa Barbara County Oil and Energy Coalition, and I

1 believe that members of the Coalition will be speaking in
2 greater detail, after the dinner break, on specific areas of
3 the EIR that they would either like to see corrected, or
4 have more information added to them.

5 I am also speaking on behalf of the Coastal
6 Resource Center, which is a Central Coast operation for the
7 Tri-Counties, that was established with this building,
8 actually, under I believe Assemblyman Jack O'Connell,
9 through the auspices of the Coastal Conservancy.

10 And we review, for educational and public
11 informational purposes, all projects on and offshore, that
12 might have a significant affect on the public's ability to
13 either enjoy the natural resources in the Channel, or on the
14 coast, or usability to enjoy them might be impacted by
15 adverse issues.

16 In that role, we're going to be submitting written
17 comments and I want to thank you for the advisory on that
18 they must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the 15th, and not
19 merely postmarked.

20 Finally, as a member, as well as Mrs. Hannah, of
21 the Air District's Advisory Committee, I'd like to note for
22 the record, and I think CAPCOA has already submitted a
23 written comment in this area, in that Terry Dressler, from
24 the Air Pollution Control District for this area, has
25 submitted a comment, that the largest and fastest growing

1 addition to the air pollution inventory for this District
2 comes from marine tanker and freighter traffic through the
3 Channel.

4 And this would include, of course, the Venoco
5 barge. And the more trips that the barge makes, the further
6 into non-attainment with the State's standard our District
7 falls.

8 And I notice that the recommendation, in the air
9 quality section, takes note of that fact and urges that when
10 the barge is refitted, as per your comments on the double
11 hull, that you go for the best available control technology
12 on all emissions, both in terms of the operation of the
13 existing lease hull, and in terms of the transport
14 technology.

15 And I would like to second what Ms. Frisk has put
16 into the record, that since this has been a nonconforming
17 use that's been going on for years, we would urge the State
18 Lands Commission, as part of the review of this project and
19 certainly part of the review of the lease extension, to work
20 with Venoco and to insist that best available control
21 technology, both onshore and with the barge, be implemented
22 as quickly as is humanly possible. The technology exists,
23 now.

24 And I know Venoco has been trying to play catch up
25 with the former operators of the facility, but given the

1 inventory and that this is the fastest growing cause of
2 pollution on and offshore, throughout the entire Southern
3 California area, from here all the way down to the ports of
4 L.A. and Long Beach.

5 We would hope that you would pay special attention
6 to that part of the EIR.

7 Again, I'm hoping that members of the Oil and
8 Energy Coalition, and from CPA, Merrel Brooks will be giving
9 you a more detailed comment on specific sections of the
10 draft, after the dinner break.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. STRAIT: Thank you, Mr. Moldaver.

13 MR. GILLIES: All right, I think that's it on the
14 public comments. We appreciate everybody coming and we plan
15 to take these comments into consideration, and then all the
16 written comments we get on September 15th. They'll be
17 incorporated in our final Environmental Impact Report that
18 will be prepared, and then that would be submitted to all
19 the people who commented. And from there, it will go to our
20 Commission.

21 The final document will go out before our
22 Commission meeting, and then when our Commission meets,
23 they'll take this up, certify the document, and then the
24 next step would be to approve the project or not approve the
25 project, it would be up to the decision-makers.

1 And you're welcome -- that's a public meeting, as
2 well, and there will be an announcement as far as when that
3 meeting would be held.

4 Yes?

5 MS. FRISK: I may have missed it, but do you have
6 a projection as to when the Commission will have something
7 for it? I'm assuming they will have certification and also
8 consider the project on a State --

9 MR. GILLIES: Yeah, typically, we do that, take up
10 the environmental document, certify the document, and then
11 they make a decision on the project at that same meeting,
12 because they only meet every two months, and I believe the
13 schedule is, I think, beginning --

14 MR. STRAIT: A meeting in October.

15 MR. GILLIES: In October, that's the next meeting
16 and then December. And depending on how soon we address the
17 comments and get the final out.

18 MR. RADIS: I think we miss the December meeting.
19 I don't have the schedule right handy, but I think when I
20 looked at the schedule we would miss December, so it would
21 be the following meeting.

22 MR. GILLIES: Which would be February?

23 MR. RADIS: February.

24 MS. FRISK: Do we know where that meeting will be
25 or we don't?

1 MR. GILLIES: Typically, the last meeting we had,
2 last week, was in El Segundo. The next meeting's in San
3 Diego. They kind of move it North and South California.

4 MS. FRISK: I know they haven't met in Santa
5 Barbara in a long time, and we would certainly love that.
6 I'd like to make a request that they would come here.

7 MR. GILLIES: Well, that's something we can
8 recommend to the --

9 MS. FRISK: But I do know they have met in Ventura
10 and I think if we could try to get the meeting as close
11 to -- I mean, that's kind of halfway from L.A. -- or not
12 halfway, but a little closer -- that would be -- I think
13 there are a lot of people that would like to attend and
14 there's going to be, I think, more of the public as the
15 whole deal thing starts to go through.

16 People are going to become more aware of how
17 these -- all things, at least 421 and all these are kind of
18 linked, and I think we are going to see more people being
19 interested.

20 But a lot of people just cannot drive to
21 L.A., or San Diego, or Sacramento to get their -- you know,
22 to express. So the first choice is Santa Barbara, the
23 second choice would be --

24 MR. GILLIES: And I'm sure the Commissioners would
25 like -- and, actually, our Commission makeup, after the

1 November election, will be a different Commission, we'll
2 have a new --

3 MR. STRAIT: Potentially.

4 MR. GILLIES: No, we'll have a new Lieutenant
5 Governor and we'll have a new State Controller. And then
6 the Department of Finance is appointed by the Governor. So
7 we'll at least have two new Commissioners.

8 And, you know, I think this is a contentious item
9 and I'll broach it to our Executive Officer, to make that
10 suggestion to do that, and I would recommend that, too.

11 You know, when we come down here, we really want
12 the public input on our documents, and we appreciate your
13 participation.

14 MS. FRISK: Appreciate it.

15 MR. GILLIES: With that, I think we'll go ahead
16 and close the meeting, if no one has anymore questions or
17 comments?

18 And then, if you wish, as Peter mentioned, we have
19 a six o'clock, we're going to do the same presentation and
20 take public comment at that time for folks who couldn't make
21 the three o'clock.

22 MR. STRAIT: It will be a repeat of the meeting
23 you just attended, so same thing, same steps, same little
24 green forms.

25 Thank you all very much for attending and thank

1 you for providing commentary.

2 (Thereupon, the August 30, 2006
3 meeting and public hearing
4 concerning the EIR for Eilwood Oil
5 Development and Pipeline Project,
6 was adjourned.)

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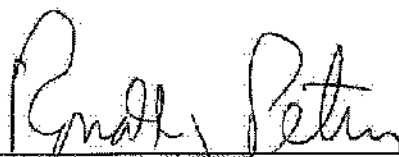
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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. STRAIT: Okay, we are the State Lands Commission. My name's Peter Strait, the Project Manager for the Vanoco Ellwood Marine Terminal Lease Renewal Project.

We're opening this meeting for public commentary based on the Draft Environmental Impact Report that was issued on July 31st, 2006. Which means the public commentary period will be ending at September 15th, 2006.

MR. GILLIES: Are you going to do the whole thing, we were going to close it, now.

MR. STRAIT: Well, yeah, I'm going to -- it's my first time, I could use the practice.

MR. GILLIES: Okay.

MR. STRAIT: I wasn't going to do the whole thing, I was just going to do that and then say that since there is no one at this meeting, that did not already attend the three o'clock meeting, and no other members of the public have shown up, we are going to open the meeting for 15 minutes and if anyone arrives or has comments, we will take them and put on our presentation, if need be.

Otherwise, we will be closing the meeting in about 15 minutes.

Does that sound good?

MR. GILLIES: No, we did close it.

MR. STRAIT: Okay. Well, 15 minutes ago we --

1 MR. GILLIES: Yeah, because we went from six
2 o'clock until 6:15.

3 MR. STRAIT: Oh, it's already -- okay, yeah, and
4 so we -- all right, retroactively, we are opening it at six
5 o'clock and we're closing it, now, at 6:15. So we're
6 closing the meeting of the Commission.

7 (Thereupon, the August 30, 2006,
8 6:00 p.m. meeting and public
9 hearing concerning the EIR for
10 Ellwood Oil Development and
11 Pipeline Project, was adjourned.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, RONALD J. PETERS, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify:

That I am a disinterested person herein; that the foregoing California State Lands Commission public hearing on the EIR for Ellwood Oil Development and Pipeline Project was recorded by my staff, thereafter transcribed into typewriting, and personally proofread by me.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for any of the parties in this matter, nor in any way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of September, 2006.



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